

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Donald Bruce McDugle	)	Art Unit:	3617
Serial No.	10/726,465	)	Examiner:	Ed Swinehart
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For:	BOAT THRUSTER	)	Attorney	Robert B. Hughes
	APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	Ref. No.:	P114519

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**DECLARATION**

I, Donald Bruce McDugle, having a home address of 1319 - 15<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Anacortes, Washington 98221, state and aver the following:

1. I am one of the co-inventors in the above noted patent application, namely U.S. Patent Application S.N. 10/726,465, entitled "Boat Thruster Apparatus and Method", which was filed on December 2, 2003, and claims the benefit of an earlier filed provisional application, containing substantially the same subject matter as in the later above noted patent application, this provisional application having been filed on December 6, 2002.
2. This declaration follows my previous declarations dated August 23, 2004 and September 6, 2006. My patent Attorney Mike Hughes requested that I go into more detail relating to the surrounding events after Mr. Murch left our facility with the first version of the lateral thruster.

3. The lateral thruster which was attached to Mr. Murch's boat was a first prototype and to my knowledge of patent law, reads upon our pending claims of the pending patent application 10/726,465.

4. After Mr. Murch left our facility, to the best of my memory, I recall attempting to contact him at least five to seven times by telephone in the following five to seven months. I recall making actual contact with him to discuss the lateral thruster three specific times after we installed the lateral thruster on Mr. Murch's boat.

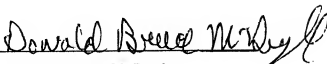
5. After one of my earlier contacts with Mr. Murch, I made a very specific improvement to the installation of the lateral thruster where it was found that water was brought up over the transom where a door was located on his particular boat. This door did not seal properly and water flowed into the compartment containing the inner portion of the lateral thruster. I recall replacing the electronic brushes to the motor of the lateral thruster. To my best recollection, this occurred at approximately four months after the initial installation of the lateral thruster onto Mr. Murch's boat.

6. One reason I so vividly recall my many attempts to contact Mr. Murch was because after many renditions of the lateral thruster, I wanted to contact Mr. Murch to replace the first rendition entirely on his boat.

I, Donald Bruce McDugle, hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application thereon.

EXECUTED this 20 day of March, 2007.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald Bruce McDugle", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald Bruce McDugle